

B' --14. A device for processing a hydrous polymer gel, comprising two rolls which are approximately parallel to and aside each other and rotating in opposite direction having between them a nip for the passage of the polymer gel, wherein one roll is formed as a cutting roll which is provided with at least one axially extending cross-cutting element having a cutting edge and with a radially extending longitudinal cutting element provided with a cutting edge running around it, and wherein the other roll is formed as a back-up roll and further wherein the width of the nip is variable.

15. The device of Claim 14, wherein the nip has a width which approximates the height of the at least one axially extending cross-cutting element or radially extending longitudinal cutting element or both.

16. The device of Claim 14, wherein the longitudinal cutting element has a circumferential rate which is higher than the conveying rate of the polymer gel.

C D 17. The device of Claim 14, wherein the at least one axially extending cross-cutting element is formed of a flat steel polished on one side. 24 24

C 18. The device of Claim 14, wherein the cross-section of the at least one axially extending cross-cutting element is planed or has the form of a sickle. 24 24

Subs 19. The device of Claim 14, wherein the at least one axially extending cross-cutting element is arranged in parallel or spindle-shaped to the longitudinal axis of the cutting roll or cross-cutting roll.

C 20. The device of Claim 14, wherein the back-up roll conveys the polymer gel and presses it against the at least one axially extending cross-cutting element or radially extending longitudinal cutting element or both during cutting. 24

C 21. The device of Claim 14, wherein the back-up roll is coated with a plastic material. 24 24